It's Sunday morning, it's 9:45 and you are listening to WUJC , 88.7 FM and that can mean only one thing. It's time once again for the English language portion of the Lithuanian Voice Radio Program. Good morning on this the 11th day of June, 1995. A special welcome and good morning to the Knights of Lithuania and their families.

This is the day that the Lithuanian Communities in Northeast Ohio will be remembering the massive departations of Baltic peoples to Siberia during World War II. More about the commemorations and the reason for them a little later in the program.

First, let's take a look at what's happening in the Lithuanian community here in Northeast Ohio:

This afternoon at 1:30, an ecumenical prayer service will be held at St. George's in observance of World War II deportations of Baltic peoples to Siberia. Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian clergy will officiate at the service and soprano Virginija Mulolis will sing. The event is sponsored by the Cleveland Baltic American Committee.

This morning at 11:30, Our Homestead, Inc. will hold a meeting with Canadian Agra in the lower conference room at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. The topic of the meeting will be a 3000 hectare farm in Raseiniai which is being successfully administered by Our Homestead, Inc.

Congratulations to Rita Kliorys, who has just been named music director and organist at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. Rita succeeds the recently retired _____.

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Congratulations also to Emilija Pilypaite who graduates today with honors from Hawken School. Emilija, who has lived with her sponsors Kestutis and Gidone ~~Steponavicius~~ STEPHENS since August of 1993, is proficient in four languages and has exhibited her artwork in two major shows this year. She has been offered scholarships to the College of Wooster and Ursuline College.

Rather than play a piece of music this morning, we thought it would be appropriate to provide a little background on the deportations which began some 54 years ago this week. We'll hear an excerpt from a 1985 tape produced by the Lithuanian-American Community of the United States. The speaker is Mr. Eduardas Meilus, who was special events and media coordinator for the community at that time.

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